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Art Unit: 1631

Application No. 09/975,530

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This responds to the Office action dated February 27, 2003. A one-month period for response was set, making an answer due by March 27, 2003. A request for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith, making an answer due by April 28, 2003. Applicants request reconsideration of the restriction requirement in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**In the Claims**

Please delete claims 1-19 and 48-66 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 67-70.

--67. (New) The method of claim 20 where the first and second sets of environmental factors comprise different growth media.

a' 68. (New) The method of claim 20 where the first and second sets of environmental factors comprise two batches of the same type of growth media.